RAJMATA JIJABAI

Born in 1698, in Sindkhed, MH. Her father Lakhoji Jadhav was a Maratha Noble under Nizamshahi sultanate of Ahmednagar. At very young age she was forced to marry Shahaji Bhosle, a Maratha who served Muslim courts. Jijabai was not happy by seeing

disrespect of Hindu dharmic leaders and destruction of temples.

In 1630, Jijabai gave birth to Shivaji at Shivneri fort. She believed that Shivaji was born to help people. While Shahaji was busy with wars, Jijabai took the responsibility of educating Shivaji. She taught him about Ramayan and vanvaas of lord Ram. She taught him about Mahabharat and Bhagvad Geeta and how to fight for right.

When Shivaji was a child, Shahaji gave the responsibility of Pune to Jijabai. She restored temples. She helped people in agriculture.

She motivated Shivaji for Hindavi Swaraj and Maharashtra dharma. Everytime Shivaji returned after attacking enemies, she told him that , these are small victories and he should focus on big goal.

In 1674, Shivaji became Chhatrapati / King at Raigad fort. He was crowned with Hindu rituals. Just 12 days after this, Rajmata Jijabai passed away.